

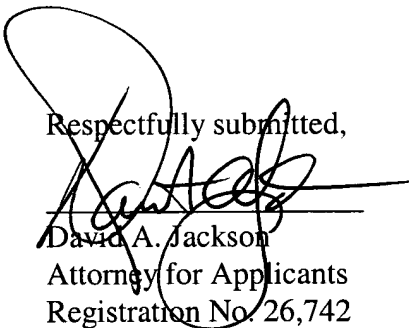
REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice and replaced with new Claims 6-10 that present the invention in a form that meets the statutory requirements under the U. S. Patent law. Thus, Claims 6-10 direct themselves to a method of treatment that employs a food product constituted in accordance with the invention to contain ingredients that have a high phytate content, and that are determined to be effective when prepared and administered in accordance with the teachings of the invention.

As the present application is a continuation of parent International Application No. PCT/ES00/00248, applicants believe that the references cited in the International Search Report were already constructively of record. In the event that this is considered not to be the case, applicants have filed an Information Disclosure Statement attaching and making of record the references cited therein. It should be noted that the references in question were not deemed to be pertinent to the claimed invention, as they were cited and designated within the "A" category (as illustrative of the general state of the art). To assure that the references are made of record, applicants have chosen to file the Information Disclosure Statement and to pay the fee of \$180.00 that is expected when a filing follows the issuance of an Office Action.

Applicants believe that the claims as amended define clearly patentable subject matter, and accordingly an early and favorable action on the present claims is courteously solicited.

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PRESENT STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled) Use of germ flour of fruits selected among cereals, carob and mixtures thereof, for manufacture of food products rich in phytates for the treatment or prevention of pathological or pre-pathological conditions derived from phytate deficient states.
2. (Canceled) Use of germ flour of fruits selected among cereals, carob and mixtures thereof, according to Claim 1 characterized in that the cereal is selected from the group formed by wheat, rye, corn or any mixtures thereof.
3. (Canceled) Use of germ flour of fruits selected among cereals, carob and mixtures thereof according to Claim 1 characterized in that the fruit is carob.
4. (Canceled) Use of germ flour of fruits selected among cereals, carob and mixtures thereof, according to Claim 1 characterized in that the flour is used in the diet in a daily proportion of 30 to 60 g.
5. (Canceled) Use of germ flour of fruits selected among cereals, carob and mixtures thereof, according to Claim 1 characterized in that the pathological condition is kidney stones.
6. (New) A method for the treatment or prevention of pathological or pre-pathological conditions derived from phytate deficient states, comprising administering a food product prepared from the germ flour of fruits selected from the group consisting of cereals, carob and mixtures thereof.
7. (New) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the cereal is selected from the group consisting of wheat, rye, corn, and mixtures thereof.
8. (New) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the fruit is carob.

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9. (New) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the flour is used in a daily proportion of 30 to 60 g.

10. (New) A method according to Claim 6, wherein the pathological condition is kidney stones.